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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before "Field of the Invention" insert:

~~This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 100 61 936.3 filed on December 13, 2000, the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference.~~

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

- AA 4. (once amended) An article as described in claim 3, wherein the smaller sizes are in the range from 4 to 6 microns and the pores for the larger pore size distribution are in the range from 25 to 35 microns.